

**MINUTES FOR  
ASHLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Parks & Open Space Map Update Subcommittee  
July 1, 2022  
340 S. Pioneer Street – 1 P.M.**

Present: Commissioners Landt, Eldridge; Director Black, Analyst Kiewel, Torsten Heycke, Eric Hansen, JoAnne Eggers

Absent: Katie Larsen

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Landt called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Landt, Commissioner Eldridge; Torsten Heycke from Ashland Woodlands Trails Association, Eric Hansen of Ture South Solar, Joann Eggers community member former APRC Commissioner and APRC staff Director Black and Analyst Kiewel

**III. BACKGROUND REVIEW**

Commissioner Landt explained that the current map [Parks, Trails, and Open Space Program Map](#) was adopted by City Council in 2002. The map was reviewed in 2012 and there were discussions about trails, open space, and the protection sensitive environmental areas. This group will make recommendations of changes to the current map to the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (APRC).

Hansen asked what implications actions from this group will have. Black explained that this map update is a legislative change. This group will be working to make recommendations to the APRC which will then be sent to the City Council for adoption.

The Trails Master Plan will also be reviewed to make sure that all recommendations are consistent with other current planning documents.

**IV. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROPERTIES**

The group reviewed the [Parks, Trails, and Open Space Program Map](#) with the Property Evaluation Plan that was used for the map review in 2012.

- **#1 Jacqueline Street & Grizzley Drive –Remove**
- **#4 Helman Street Property – Remove.** Landt said that property does not fulfill the mission and the group agreed thought it should be removed. Black said we had an agreement with the school district that the adjacent Siskiyou School property been included in open space so this property would be redundant.
- **#5 E. Main riparian area along Bear Creek. Retain.** The group agreed this fulfills the open space plan mission and recommends to extend the property upstream on north side
- **#6 Wrights Creek Corridor- Revisit.** Heycke stated that this not an ideal area for a trail because of its steep terrain and very close to residential properties. Commissioner Eldridge said that this is an aspirational plan and that we should retain this on the map due to trail connectivity. The group will revisit discussion on this property
- **#7 Upper Liberty Street – Retain and possibly extend.** Commissioner Eldridge stated that she would like to see this are extended this to connect to the trails.
- **#8 Nevada to N Mtn Ave (Bear Creek Corridor) – Retain.** The group discussed the importance of protecting the riparian area

- **#9 Willow area connection – Retain.** Possibly change the name and purpose
- **#10 Ashland Creek Corridor – Retain**
- **#11 Hamilton Corridor- Retain**
- **#12 – Walker Site E. Main – Retain.** The site could be a possibility for future athletic fields
- **#13 – Billings Property – Retain.** The group discussed if development restrictions should apply and retain on the plan for riparian area protection.
- **#14 – Crowson Rd Extension - Remove**
- **#15 Helman Street Property - Remove**
- **#16 Property a crossed from N Mtn Park - Retain**
- **#17 Tolman Creek/Mistle Toe – Retain.** Include notes regarding protection of riparian area
- **#18 Waldorf School site (Willow Wind) - Remove**
- **#19 Grizzley Peak – Retain.** Landt explained the history of including Grizzly Peak on this map was to protect the viewshed for Ashland.
- **#20 TID ditch segments – Retain** including Impetrative property above the ditch

#### Orphaned Properties

- Nutley and Granite lot – recommend as surplus for possible sale
- Briscoe Street Lot (Park of Riverwalk) – recommend as surplus for possible sale

For the next meeting Black will do a map overlay showing the discussed changes and what properties were recently purchased in the last 10 years.

#### **V. PROJECT TIMELINE**

Commissioner Landt would like to see recommendations finalized to present to APRC in August

#### **VI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday July 7, 2022, 10:00 A.M. APRC Admin Office, 340 S. Pioneer Street**

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Tara Kiewel, Administrative Analyst